Appl. No. 09/554,960 Amdt. dated May 17, 2004 Reply to Notification to Comply of March 15, 2004

REMARKS

A copy of the Preliminary Amendment and postcard receipt dated December 29, 2003 are enclosed to provide evidence of a *bona fide* attempt to satisfy the Examiner's request to fulfill requirements in the Notification of Defective Response mailed September 16, 2003.

Applicants request entry of this amendment in adherence with 37 C.F.R. §§1.821 to 1.825. This amendment is accompanied by a floppy disk containing the above named sequences, SEQ ID NOS:1-24, in computer readable form, and a paper copy of the sequence information which has been printed from the floppy disk.

The information contained in the computer readable disk was prepared through the use of the software program "PatentIn" and is identical to that of the paper copy. This amendment contains no new matter.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1430. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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